

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS20403

The federal health care legislation signed into law by President Obama in March of 2010 (P.L. 111-148) will require the envisioned insurance exchanges to provide coverage for elective abortions unless the affected state chooses to "opt out" under the provisions of the Nelson-Reid Amendment. Idaho has a long-standing policy of prohibiting taxpayer funded abortions within the state unless the mother's life is at risk, or unless the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. Nevertheless, this prohibition is insufficient to prevent a new federal insurance program from mandating taxpayer-subsidized coverage for elective abortions. P.L. 111-148 (the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act") requires a new and specific statute to prevent abortions from being provided under federalized health care.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation is likely to save tax dollars by reducing expenditures under a public health insurance program.

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